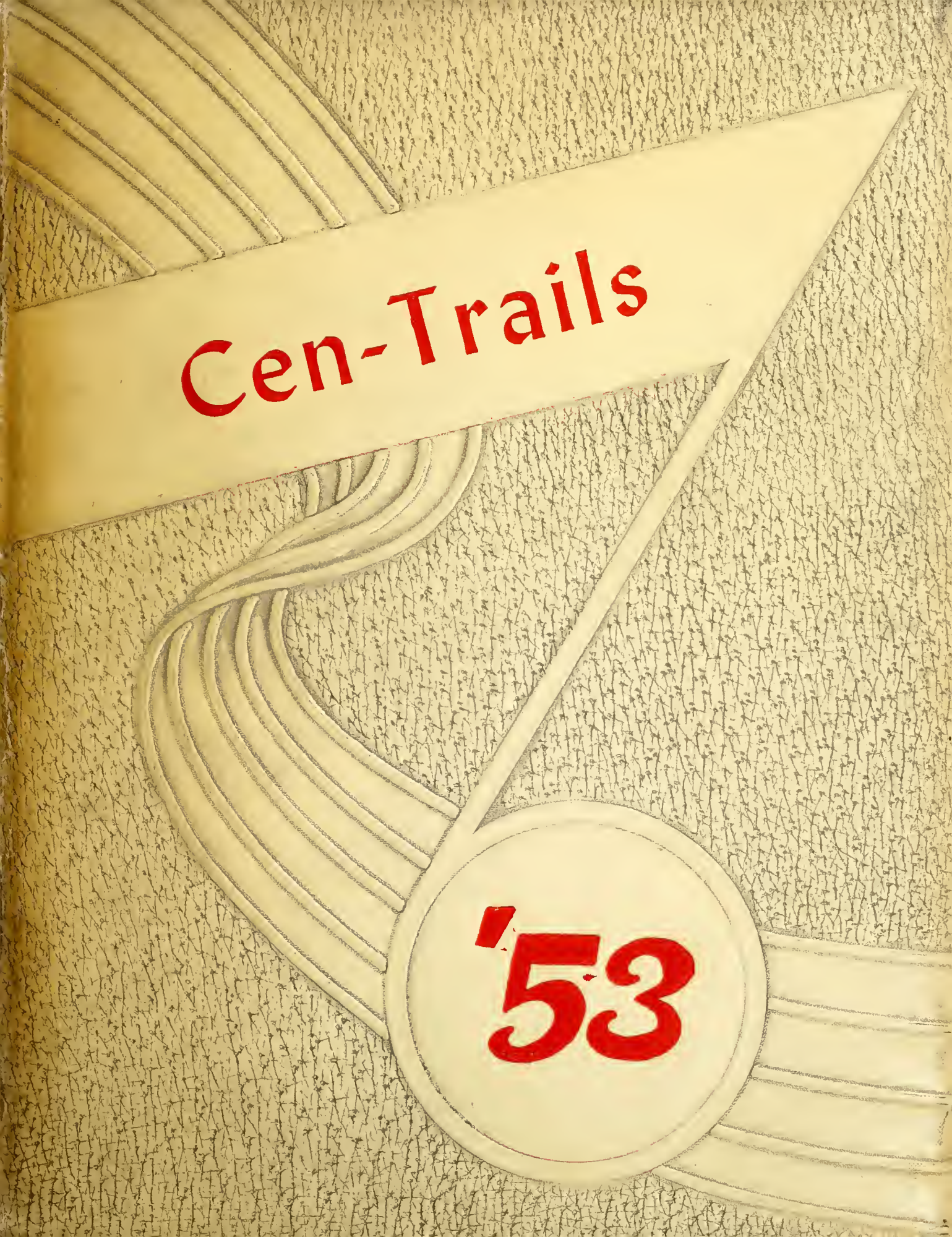

Cen-Trails
'53

GEN

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 1833 03109 1025

Gc 977.202 M74c 1953
Cen-Trails

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2011 with funding from
E-Yearbook.com

http://www.archive.org/details/centrails1953adam

'53

CEN-TRAILS'

Annual Staff

Don H. and Gene H. were the Business and Assistant Business Managers, respectively.

Virginia M., the editor, and her able assistant, Ruth B., did a swell job.

The sports section was ably taken care of by Gene B. and Lester E., Sports and Assistant Sports Editors.

Eddie N. and Walt O. were the Sales and Circulation Managers, respectively.

Mary M. and Arlene H. were the Literary and Organization editors, respectively.

Compliments of
FRIEDA'S BEAUTY SHOPPE, Monroe
and
MONROE WASHER REPAIR

FACULTY

Principal's Message

I do appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to write a few words for your 1953 Cen-Trails.

In this, my first year at Adams Central, I have been impressed with the fine spirit of co-operative enterprise. The staff and the board of education have the youth of this community foremost in providing the best in educational measures.

With this splendid co-operation, the past year has found many innovations that have directed the learning of the individual to the basic needs of becoming an outstanding citizen in the community and the nation.

We are continually seeking new ways and means to improve our school curriculum and administrative policy of making Adams Central the leading and outstanding institution of this area.

Much has been accomplished in improving the need for wholesome activities of the student. The most important being the addition of two extra-curricular clubs and a student government association. The government association gives the student an active part in school affairs and decisions.

This school is based on a firm foundation of interest through the active participation of the Parent Teacher Association. We cannot fail the youth of this generation with the continued support of such groups.

We, the staff of Adams Central dedicate ourselves to the promotion of formulating a policy that will develop in the student a well rounded personality based on a strong mental and spiritual foundation.

I salute the class of "53." Their responsibilities are heavy. They have proven their ability to cope with school problems and I am confident they will continue to do so as they face the complexities of an adult world.

Compliments of
DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

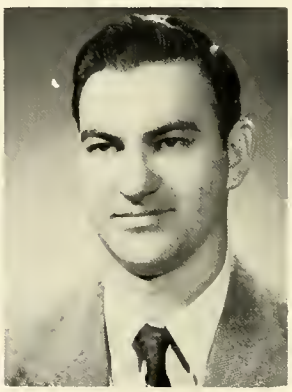
Left to right: William Linn, Harold Schwartz, Evan Yake, Noah Neuenschwander, Lester Adler, President; Glen Workinger, Secretary; Floyd Mitchell, Treasurer.

GLEN CUSTER
Superintendent of Schools

LUCILLE BEAVERS
B.S., Indiana University
North Manchester
Wisconsin University

HARVEY HAGGARD
B.S., Manchester
Tri State

PAUL ERDEL
A.B., Taylor
M.S., Indiana University
Th.B., Fort Wayne Bible College



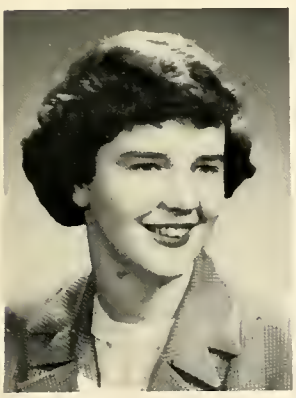
MAX STANLEY
B.S., M.S., Indiana State Teachers College

3 1833 03109 1025

Compliments of
PREBLE WELDING and REPAIR SHOP and LISTER'S STORE
Preble

JANE REED
B.S., Ball State Teachers' College

DOYLE COLLIER
B.S., Ball State Teachers' College



ROBERT RAY
B.M., Indiana University

MARTIN WATSON
A.B., Morehead State Teachers College
B.S., University of Kentucky
Graduate Study—Purdue University

Compliments of
ECONOMY DEPARTMENT STORE and HIGHWAY SERVICE STATION, Decatur

LEROY HEDGES
B.S., Ball State Teachers College

J. E. THACKER
B.S., Illinois University
Hartford Seminary

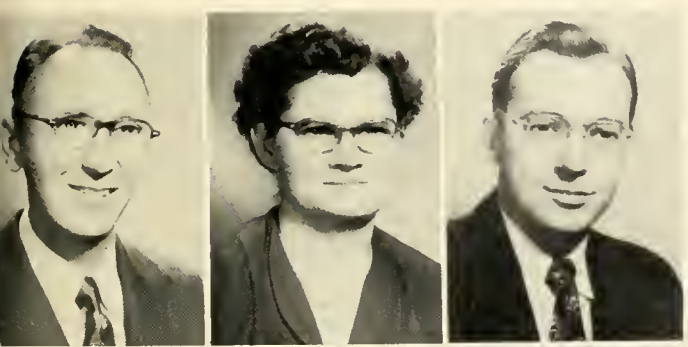
Our Cooks
LELA ARNOLD
and
ALTA BYERLY

JOE BAUMGARTNER
The cleaning man

Compliments of
ISCH HARDWARE and GIFTS
and BLUFFTON RUBBER WORKS
Bluffton

Monroe School Faculty

HUGH TATE
Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Monroe Principal



Left to right: Leo Strahm, 6th grade; Veda Crist, 3rd grade; Ellwyn Hartzler, 5th grade.

Robert Brown 7th and 8th grades; Thelma Hendricks, 7th and 8th grades; Naomi Griffiths, 1st grade; Delores Byerly, 4th grade.

Leroy Cable, 7th and 8th grades; Mary Egley, 2nd grade; Ezra Snyder, 7th and 8th grades; Hugh Tate, 7th and 8th grades.

Compliments of GEELS JEWELRY STORE and THE SURGE STORE, Bluffton

Sing! Boys, Sing!

Future Office Managers

Compliments of
DECATUR GIFT
CENTER

and

NIBLICK COMPANY
Decatur

Filling the bottomless pit!

Studying is hard on the brain, boys!

Central's bookworms

CLASSES

Senior Class Officers

DON HOLLOWAY ..... *President*
KAY RATCLIFF ..... *Vice President*
WALTER OSTERMAN ..... *Secretary*
GENE BLUHM ..... *Treasurer*

Class History

After the consolidation of the three townships, our class had the privilege of being the first Freshman class. We started out with forty-five enrolled.

One of the first things we did was to elect officers: President, Don Holloway; Vice President, Marilyn Durr; Secretary, Mary Michaels; and Treasurer, Pat Barger. Mr. Collier was our class sponsor.

We enjoyed two class parties, one at the gym and one at the Reinker School.

Once again we entered A. C. H. S. as Sophomores. At our first class meeting, we elected Roger Longenberger as President, Marilyn Durr as Vice President, Shirley Steury as Secretary and Virginia Mitchel as Treasurer. We had a quiet year, although we had a hay ride and a party on October 20. Howard Brandyberry was the class sponsor.

As Juniors, we came back feeling very energetic. At the beginning of the year we presented for the enjoyment of all students a skating party at Bells Rink. We also sold magazines and Christmas cards, trying to make money for the class. Our officers for this year were: President, Walter Osterman; Vice President, Gene Bluhm; Secretary, Eileen Funk; Treasurer, Don Holloway. Mrs. Reed was our class sponsor.

We are finally seniors and the class officers are as follows: President, Don Holloway; Vice President, Kay Ratcliff; Secretary, Walter Osterman; Treasurer, Gene Bluhm. Our class sponsors were Mr. Haggard and Mr. Hedges.

To make money for our senior trip we had bake sales, scrap drives, concessions at ball games.

On October 28 we gave our senior play, "Finders Creepers," which was a very good success. October 24 and 25 we smiled our best for our senior pictures, but on December 16 we were all shocked at the results.

As our class flower we chose the red carnation, and our colors are scarlet and white. Our class motto was chosen as "We build the ladder by which we rise."

We, the seniors of "53" are looking forward to May 9, when we leave on our trip to Washington, D. C., and New York. The baccalaureate service is to be held May 17 and Commencement on May 19.

Now that we are coming to the end of our school life, we say "so long" and "Good luck to the seniors of tomorrow."

Compliments of
R. S. M. STUDIO and CENTRAL DAIRY
Bluffton

Seniors

Don Holloway

Don is always on the go,
But it takes so much dough!

Class President 1, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Track 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Student Council 4; Photography Club 4; Softball 4; C-Men's Club 3, 4; FFA 3, 4.

Kay Ratcliff

Kay thinks classes are a bore,
But to say a joke is never a chore.

C-Men's Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography Club 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA, Vice President 3; Student Council 4; Class Vice President 4; Chorus 3; Softball 4.

Walter Osterman

"Walt" always combines work and play,
He has fun but doesn't worry on test day.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Officer 1, 2, 4; Class President 3; Class Secretary 4.

Gene Bluhm

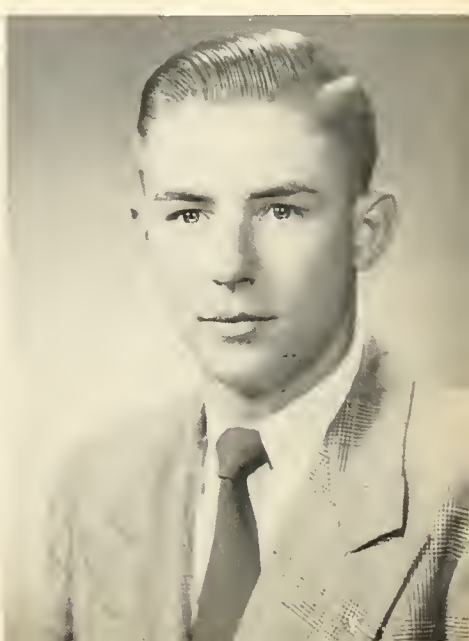
Gene says Elaine's his one and only,
And without her he would be lonely.

FFA 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Chorus 3; C-Men's Club 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; Class Vice President 3.

Virginia Mitchel

Virginia can cook, sew, and she's a baker,
For Eddie she'll be a homemaker.

Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Rekamemoh 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Pep Club President 4; Library 1; Annual Staff 3, 4; Rekamemoh Secretary 3; Band Vice President 4.



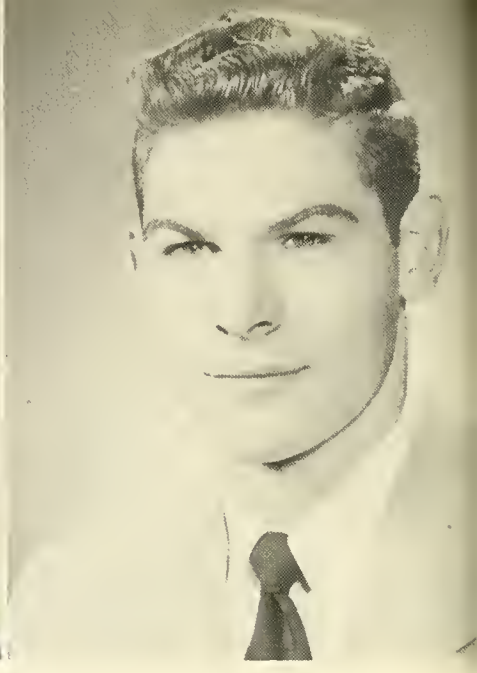
Compliments of
FIRST STATE BANK
Decatur

Eddie someday wants to be a farmer;
And wants to take Virginia as his bookkeeper.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3; Track 2, 3, 4; FFA 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; C-Men's Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography Club Vice President 4.

Coleen so happy and gay;
Will make a man a good wife some day.

Rekamemoh Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Twirler 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Chorus 2; Class Play 4.



Some boys would have to hustle
To meet up with Don's muscle.

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3; Softball 2, 3, 4; C-Men's 2, 3, 4.

Compliments of FOOD TOWN, Berne

Marvin has changed his mind about girls; and has chosen Kae with her short pretty curls.

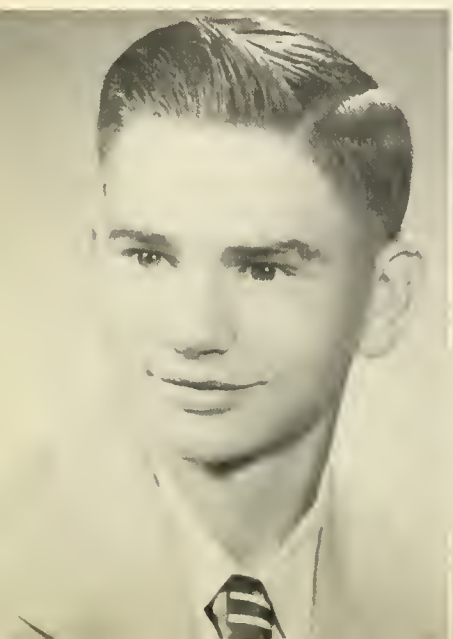
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Photography Club Treasurer 4.

Eileen likes several men at once; some at home and one in the service.

Class Secretary 3; Pep Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Rekamemoh 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Cheerleader 1; Queen Court 3, 4; Rekamemoh Vice President 4.

Rog says basketball is his favorite sport; and a lot of time is spent on the ball court.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; C-Men's Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

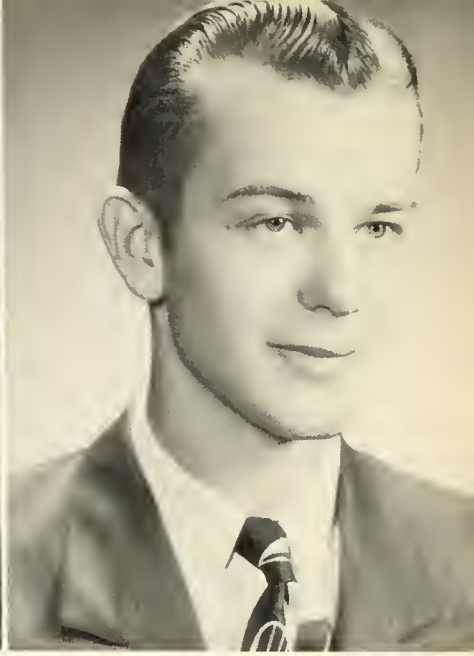


Ernie used to be the bashful beau in our class, but now he's chosen a freshman lass.

Mathematics Achievement Program 1; Class Play 4.

Arlene is always hard at work, someday some famous person to be.

Chorus 1; IU Geometry Test 2; Rekomemoh 2, 3, 4; Rekomemoh Program Chairman 3; Annual Staff 3; Library 3; Pep Club 3, 4; Class Play 4; Office 4.



Lyle seems to have a way to aggravate some teacher every day.

Class Play 4; Basketball 1, 2,

Compliments of HELLER COAL, FEED and SUPPLY, Decatur

Earl gives an impression rare;
He never seems to show a care.

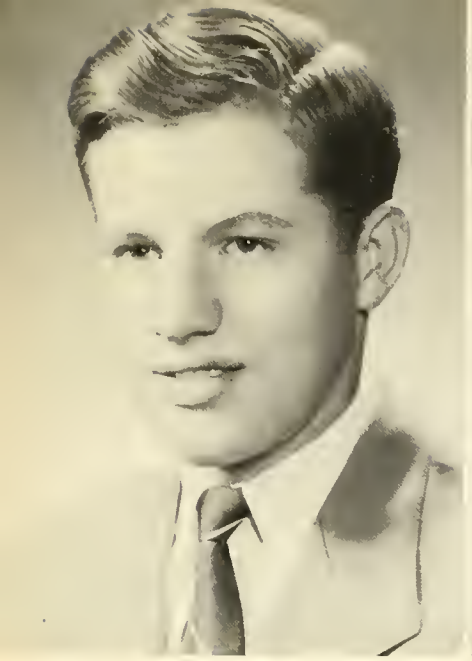
Jefferson 1; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2.

Marilyn's last name is Durr,
But she hopes to change it if she can
Rog's affections allure.

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Twirling 2; Pep Club 3, 4; Class Vice President 1, 2; Library 3; Rekamemoh 3, 4; Rekamemoh Program Committee 3, 4; Class Play 4; Pep Club Vice President 4.

Leroy, quiet and shy, never lets a day go by but what he pulls a joke on someone and makes them laugh a lot.

IU Achievement Algebra Test.

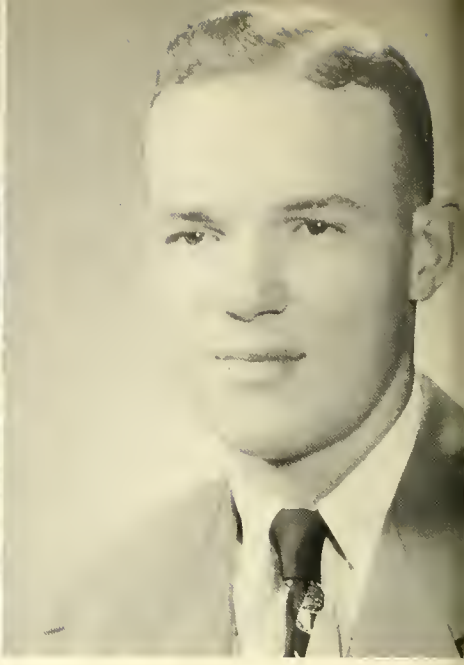


Hubert was the life of the bookkeeping class;
Without him the hour would never pass.

C-Men's Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Manager 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, 4.

Mary is determined to catch a man;
And trying she may, she will if she can.

Library 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 1; Rekamemoh 2, 4; Band 2; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Rekamemoh News Reporter 4; Class Play 4.



Luther has the rare ability
To talk aloud in class and still get by.

FFA 3, 4.

GERBER FURNITURE and UPHOLSTERY, Bluffton, Indiana

Fred has no particular car;
Would rather have several so he can go near or far.

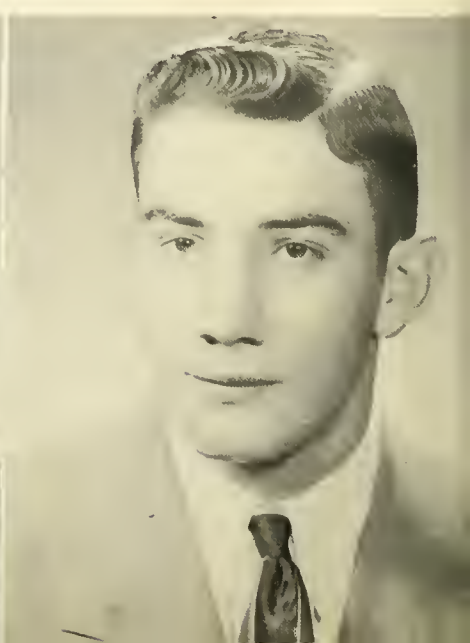
Class Play 4; Photography Club 4.

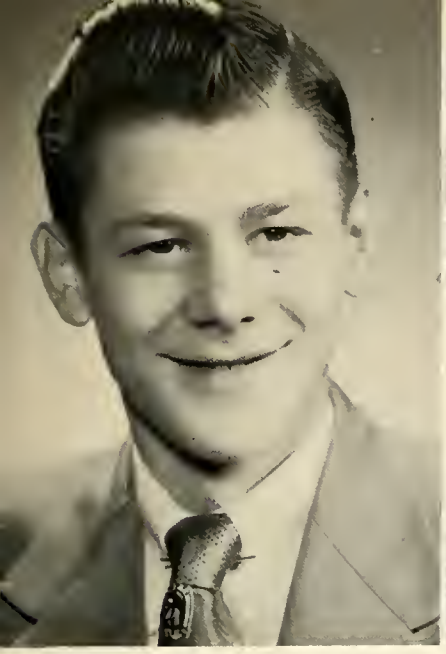
Elaine so light and gay
Doesn't worry about the problems for another day.

Twirler 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Rekamemoh Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3.

Eugene has time for everything;
Hurry he says, never won anything.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Manager 2, 3; C-Men's Club 2, 3, 4; Photography Club 4.





"Wendy's" pretty quiet around the girls so maybe, that's why he has joined the Navy.
C-Men's Club 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Photography Club 4; Chorus 1.

"Pat's" a friend to all
But she can't seem to resist Bob's call.
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Rekamemoh Club 3, 4; Rekamemoh Club President 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1; Hoosier Girl's State Delegate; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Queen Court 3, 4.

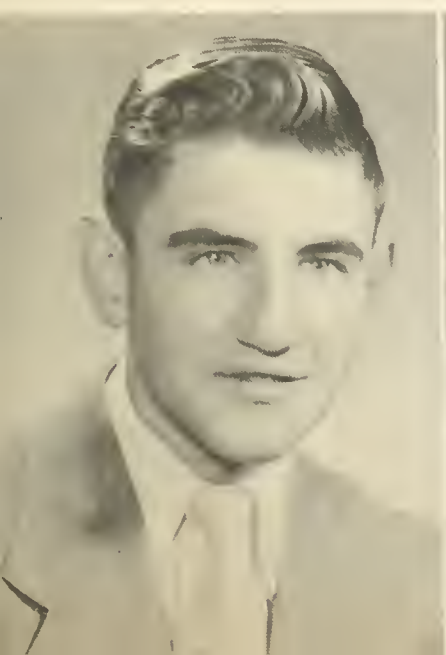
Kenny's so quiet but happy and gay
Will be glad to see that twenty-second of May.
FFA 3, 4.

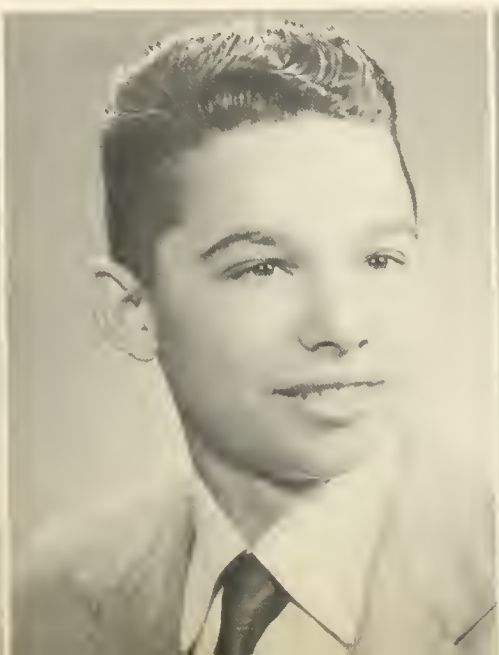
Compliments of SMITH'S SCRAP IRON, Decatur

Willy's quiet and tall,
Didn't take after his brother in his ability to play basketball.
Basketball 1, 2; FFA 3, 4.

Bill who is always on the go, gets by with more in school than what we know.
Softball 2; FFA 1; Class Play 4; Basketball 3.

Jim may seem little around the rest of the boys,
But he's a champ at furnishing the jokes and noise.
Assistant Manager 1, 2, 3; FFA 3; Manager 4.





Class Officers

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

LESTER EGLEY
President
JACK HENDRICKS
Vice President
RUTH BUSSE
Secretary
JUNIOR NUSSBAUM
Treasurer

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

LARRY SCHWARTZ
President
SHIRLEY RUPERT
Vice President
ELAINE STULTZ
Secretary
ALLEN LEHMAN
Treasurer

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

DEE MYRON BYERLY
President
MARILYN ROOP
Vice President
KAREN SNYDER
Secretary
RICHARD KAEHR
Treasurer

Compliments of

GAY'S MOBIL SERVICE
STATION
Decatur

Compliments of

DECATUR SUPER SERVICE
Decatur
GAY'S MOBIL SERVICE

First row: Faye Haines, Harry Mazelin, Kenneth Frank, Carl Bluhm, Carolyn Hirschy.

Second row: Lester Egly, Juanita Sapp, Nolan Griffiths, Phyllis Mattax, Richard Longenberger.

Third row: Bill Ross, Bob Steury, Caro Moser, David Ringger, Albert Thompson.

Fourth row: Danny Gerber, Shirley Ploughe.

Compliments of
M&W MOTOR SALES
and
STULT'S CIGAR STORE
Decatur, Indiana

Juniors

First row: Gene Hindenlang, Harold Arnold, Carol Yoder, Raymond Becher, Pat Beitler.

Second row: Ruth Busse, Ronny Stucky, Leon Habegger, Bob Heare, Velma Strahm.

Third row: Junior Nussbaum, Jean Weaver, Sherman Arnold, Barbara Haugk, Jack Hendricks.

Fourth row: Norma Conrad, Flossie Baumgartner, Donald Graber, Alex Gorb, Paul Hill.

Junior Snapshots

President ..... Lester Egley
Vice President ..... Jack Hendricks
Secretary ..... Ruth Busse
Treasurer ..... Junior Nussbaum
Sponsors ..... Mr. Ray and Mr. Erdel

Geared to the steady hum of Adams Central activities, we juniors moved easily through the increasing tempo of class responsibility. The school skating party; the magazine sales contest (we won!); the class play, *The Hoosier Schoolmaster,* bacelet and emblem sales; and two class parties have been achieved.

Bring on the senior year!

Compliments of
DR. EDGAR SPRUNGER, Dentist
DR. E. D. BIXLER and JAMES A. BIXLER,
Optometrists, Berne

Sophomores

First row: Miles Zimmerman, Shirley Rupert, Gordon Singleton, John Bluhm.

Second row: Ruth Mae Weber, Allen Lehman, Ronnie Wagley, Jim Bauman.

Third row: Vernon Ratcliff, Florine Hirschy, Howard Michaels, Ardola Parrish.

Compliments of
BLACK'S FUNERAL HOME, Decatur
and
BEAVERS OIL SERVICE, Decatur

First row: Fred Fox, Roddy Beer, Marinel Striker, Bob Harmon, Tom Hoffman.

Second row: Jim Lobsiger, Patsy Urick; David Liby, John Rowdon, Elaine Stultz.

Third row: Mary Jane Shaw, David Helmrich, Larry Schwartz, Kay Ann Witte, Connie Strickler, Don Barger.

Sophomore Snapshots

Last September we Sophomores journeyed back to school to learn more at good old A.C. H. S. After greeting our friends we elected class officers and had our first class party at C.C.C. Camp.

In November we sold Adams Central T-shirts and sweatshirts to the rest of the school. In March we staged a carnival for the enjoyment of everyone. We then enjoyed our last class party and dreamed of our Junior year.

Compliments of
ZWICK'S FUNERAL HOME and FURNITURE
and
HOLTHOUSE-SCHULTE & CO.

Freshmen

First row: Kenneth Baumgartner, Marjorie Becher, Jim Fisher, Marylin Roop, Bob Fosnaugh, Marilyn Arnold.

Second row: Karen Snyder, Richard Kaehr, Merlin Habegger, Kay Heare, Jerry Mitchel, Dee Myron Byerly.

Third row: Harold Dick, Sonja Schug, Bob Hurst, Arlen Mitchel, Mary Haugk, Lowell Michaels.

Fourth row: Nancy Shoaf, Albert Egly, Paul Germann, Carol Egley, Junior Liechty, Bill Kerschner.

Fifth row: Larry Lautzenheiser, Ben Eicher, Dianne Liechty, Carolyn Christener, Lee Sprunger, Roger Habegger.

Sixth row: Geraldine Teeple, Richard Rowdon, Alan Miller, Sharon Hirschy, Jerry Sprunger, Marvin Zurcher.

Seventh row: Paul Gerber, Gene McKean, Pauline Gerber, Jim Taylor, Paul Riley, Mary Jane Rice.

Eighth row: Nancy Parrish, Richard Landis, Jim Weaver, Louise Simon, Palmer Inniger, Catherine Habegger.

Ninth row: Gary Ringger, Hugh Davis, Costa Hike.

Not pictured are: Joe Girod, Lydia Graber, Edward Hilty, David Schmidt, Mary Ann Schwartz and Valentine Shetler.

Compliments of GERBER'S MEAT MARKET, Decatur
and KOHNE DRUG STORE, Decatur

Freshmen Snapshots

There were about 57 freshmen, about two-thirds of whom were boys, to form the foundation of the class to be known as the Adams Central class of "56." Late in the fall a party was held in the gym. Mr. Watson and Miss Beavers were appointed sponsors. Three of our girls were chosen second team yell leaders and before the year was finished, they were varsity yell leaders. We form a high percent of the members of the chorus and the band.

Compliments
of
GILLIG and DOAN FUNERAL HOME
ENGLE and IRWIN MOTORS, Decatur

We, the graduating class of 1953, being of perfect physical and mental health, (we hope) and of very, very, unusual intelligence do hereby publish our last will and testament and hope that everyone will survive their next year of having to be lonely without us at Adams Central. We are sure that each heir will make good usage of our many talents and precious possessions.

To the faculty, we will that in the future years they will have a quieter, more dignified, group of seniors than we were this year of 1953.

To Mr. Reed, our well-liked principal, we do hereby will a pair of roller skates to make his last minute announcements to all future classes.

To Miss Beavers, we will a smaller first period study hall and a class of quiet senior boys.

To Mrs. Reed, we will a more quiet and intelligent bookkeeping class.

To Mr. Collier, we will a new bright red raincoat, so that he will have it when his green-gray one wears out.

To Mr. Stanley, we will an automatic paper grader, so that he will quit griping about grading papers.

To Mr. Hedges, we will a new filing system to keep an accurate record for him of all activities and a new desk with 20 different drawers to keep everything together.

To Mr. Watson, we will a Hoosier accent so that we can understand what he is trying to say.

To Mr. Haggard, we will a book of new jokes.

To Mr. Erdel, we will a class who will laugh as his jokes.

To Mr. Ray, we will a band class who will be able to play their music the first time they look at it.

To Joe Baumgartner, our faithful janitor, we will a new bed so that he can sleep during his free time at school. This is to be in the furnace room.

I, Virginia Mitchel, will to Shirley Ploughe and Danny Gerber the ability to play the piano, the baritone and to sing a pretty tune, hoping that they will follow in my footsteps their last year in school.

I, Arlene Habeggar, will to Nolan Griffiths my quiet ways and to be able to get along with all my teachers.

I, Coleen Hirschy, will to Leon Habegger, my very small features.

I, Don Dick, will to Junior Nussbaum, my ability to play basketball; and to Carl Bluhm the ability to attract any girl's attention.

I, Don Holloway, will to Ronnie Stuckey, the ability to yell through the corridors all during my 4 years of high school.

I, Bill Rowdon, will to Bill Ross my curly hair so that he won't have to get a "Toni" to make it curly.

I, Pat Barger, will my ability to be out of my seat two-thirds of my time in study hall to Ruth Busse, who should use my excess active energy.

I, Eileen Funk, will to Phyllis Mattax, my ways with boys. I have such a way with them that they are "mad at me one minute and the next minute they are not."

I, Elaine Freels, will to Jean Weaver and Velma Strahm my ability to wear a certain "senior boy's" class ring during my high school years.

I, Marilyn Durr, will to Barbara Haugk the right to go with any Senior boy, except one, and also my study hall seat during my senior year.

I, Mary Michaels, will my dark eyes and friendly smile to Lester Egly and Carol Yoder.

I, Jim Brodbeck, will my height and my freckles to Paul Hill.

I, Leroy Chamness, will my quiet ways to David Ringger.

I, Walt Osterman, will to Norma Conrad my handsome crew-cut and my intelligence.

I, Earl Johnson, will to Don Graber my ability to have a friendly smile, and my "jokes" to Faye Haines.

I, Ernie Liechty, will my shyness, until I met that freshman girl, to Bob Steury.

I, Fred Ehlerding, will to Jack Hendricks my ability to flirt with any girl, and get a dirty look in return.

I, Hubert Isch, will to Patty Beitler my ability to aggravate every teacher I've ever had; and my trying to boss the girls around to Caro Moser.

I, Kenny Ehrman, will to Harry Mazelin my perfect posture and those girls from his class who are always chasing me around.

I, Wendel Beer, will my ability to play with my pencils during study hall, and to day-dream in my classes, to Dick Longenberger.

I, Gene Bluhm, will my good nature and my silly laugh to Sherman Arnold.

I, Willis Nussbaum, will to Juanita Sapp my ability to have my mind 50 miles away, when asked a question in class.

I, Luther Heddington, will my ability to whisper aloud to Flossie Baumgartner and to anyone else who wants it.

I, Lyle Gerber, will my whispering in study hall to Harold Arnold.

I, Marvin Taylor, will to Gene Hindenlang the ability to have a freshman girl to wear my class ring.

I, Eugene Weber, will my dark hair and eyes to Carolyn Hirschy; and also my silly answers to teachers' questions to Bob Heare.

I, Kay Ratcliff, will my pretty blond hair, and my physique to Alex Gorb.

I, Roger Longenberger, will to Albert Thompson my ability to be a good basketball player.

I, Eddie Nussbaum, will to Raymond Becker my ability to go steady with the same girl for a long period of time.

Compliments of
ADAMS COUNTY TRAILER SALES, Decatur

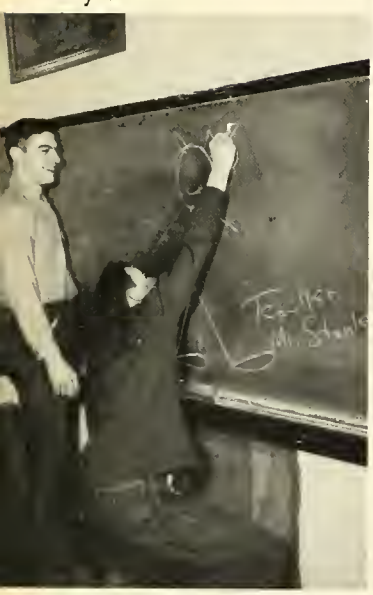
Is it
that serious,
boys?

Our Class
LOVE BIRDS.

Just like two peas in a pod.

Modern
Art?????

Just another lecture.



Compliments of
ZURCHER
MOBIL
SERVICE

Muscle
Man
and
the
two
stoogies.

Isn't he cute??

Prophecy

Let's take a forward glimpse and see what could become of our classmates of 1953. Well . . . here goes . . .

The year is 1964 and here we are at Monroe, Indiana. Monroe now has a population of 7,000 and the mayor of our fair city is none other than the honorable Jim Brodbeck, who is doing a fine job of keeping order. Why only last night he arrested Freddie Ehlerding for driving twenty-two miles an hour in a twenty mile speed zone. WARNING—BE CAREFUL WHILE DRIVING THROUGH MONROE!

Freddie now has his own garage and designs his own cars. His motto is . . . "If you don't like our design . . . design your own."

It is election time once more and as I glance at my ballot whose name do I see but Don Holloway's! Don is running for president on the Democratic ticket. He must have gotten the ambition in "53" when he was president of the senior class.

And look who is his opponent on the Republican ticket. It is Marvin Taylor, Don's former classmate. If he is elected, he says his cabinet will be composed of women only because he thinks women have been neglected for generations.

As we leave the town hall we see Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bluhm who now own a 500 acre farm near Monroe. Mrs. Bluhm, who was the former Elaine Freels, is now managing a ten-room home and caring for their four children.

We stopped to ask them about Lyle Gerber, who has just had a very serious operation performed by Dr. Hubert Isch. Hubert was assisted by Miss Pat Barger, now a graduate nurse. Pat and Hubert got along so well in high school that they decided to combine their talents, and now they are one of America's greatest surgical teams. They tell us that Lyle is doing fine and will soon be back at his job as a shoe designer.

They also tell us that Virginia Mitchel and Eddie Nussbaum, who were recently married, are building a new ranch style home in Florida. It is being built by the famous construction company owned by their former classmates—Luther Hedington and Leroy Chamness. If you wish to have your house designed by these great architects, you can reach them at the Empire State Building in New York City.

As we leave the Bluhm's and continue down the street we meet Wendell Beer, who is home on leave. He tells us that he has been with the Marines for eight years and is now a 3-Star General. Wendell says that while he was on an inspection tour of his troops in Japan, they were entertained by Bill Rowdon and Ernest Liechty, two of the top actors of Hollywood. It so happened that one of Hollywood's Talent Scouts saw their senior class play and offered them a contract.

Further down the street we see Arlene Habegger, the math teacher at Adams Central. During the summer she assists Walt Osterman, a famous scientist who recently discovered a new perfume the girls are all raving about. He is now trying to find a new way to kiss without spreading germs.

We finally reach our car and what's this we hear on the radio? That was a joke? . . . It's comedian Don Dick who recently replaced Arthur Godfrey. After Arthur heard Don's program he decied he might as well retire while he still could.

Oh, look out! That girl . . . we almost hit her! Why it's Eileen Funk and she's dressed all in black. When we stop to see if she is all right she tells us that four days ago her third husband passed away so she is very sad. But she says that her good friend The Reverend Willis Nussbaum was a great comfort to her because he officiated at the funeral and made all the arrangements with Earl Johnson, "the friendly undertaker." I hear Earl is building up quite a business for himself. We express our deepest sympathy to Eileen and continue on our journey home.

Well, we finally reach home. Boy, what a day! Who would have thought so many things could happen in less than twelve hours! Now for some good music on the radio and we'll be ready to settle down with the evening paper.

But wait . . . what's this?! It says here that the coach of Notre Dame, after twelve losses and no victories, has just resigned. And guess who it was? Yes, it was Eugene Weber, another classmate of "53."

He states that he might have been able to accept the losses and the misfortune of losing a player with a broken leg, but when Roger Longenberger, his star player, decided to quit the team and marry Marilyn Durr, the famous model, well—that was just too much for him to take, so he decided to resign.

Marilyn, who became a model soon after graduation, is planning to leave for a tour through Europe in a few days so she and Rog decided that this would be a grand place to spend their honeymoon. Boy, wouldn't it though!

We also read that Mary Michaels, who recently won the Miss America contest, has just completed her tour through South America and will give a lecture at the Community Building in Monroe tomorrow night on "How to Get and Get Rid of Boys." That we'll have to hear!

Listen!! Flash suddenly bursts forth from the radio . . . "We interrupt this program to bring you a special bulletin from England. Coleen Hirschy, America's swimming star, has just completed her swim of the English Channel in the record-breaking time of three hours, two minutes, and four seconds.

What next?!!!.

Well I guess that just about takes care of the class of "1953." Oh, wait, we almost forget two of the most important guys.

The other day when we were in town I saw a notice posted on the town hall. It said that in a few weeks the city of Monroe will be entertained by the great Ehrman Circus owned by Kenny Ehrman. One of the main attractions will be Kay Ratcliff and his six ferocious lions which he captured himself in the Australian jungle. They tell me Kenny has quite a show and that it is rapidly putting Ringling Brothers out of business. HMM-M-M! I'm sure we'll all enjoy that!

Well, this has been quite a day, hasn't it? I hope you have enjoyed visiting the class of "53" as much as we have.

Now it is time to say "So long until next year when it will then be the class of "54."

Compliments of
IDEAL DAIRY BAR
Decatur

Senior Information

NAME	WHAT I LIKE MOST	FAVORITE FOOD	FAVORITE EXPRESSION	FAVORITE COLOR	MY AMBITION
Pat Barger	Bob	Tomato Juice	Oh! For Goodness Sakes	Red	Housewife
Wendell Beer	Women	Hot Ham	Bite Me	Green	Farmer
Gene Bluhm	Elaine	Baked Beans	Boulderdash	Hunter Green	Farmer
Jim Brodbeck	Eat	Cake	Howdy Sam	Gray	Hunting
Leroy Chamness	Girls	Milk	Ha!	Blue	A friend to all
Don Dick	Girls	Meat	Never go with the same one twice	Gray	Girls
Marilyn Durr	Rog	Potato Salad	Oh! Yeah?	Navy	Housewife
Fred Ehlerding	Girls	Hamburger	You Don't Say	Green	Farmer
Kenny Ehrman	Honey	Sauerkraut	Give Me Girls or Give Me Death	Red	Sleep
Elaine Freels	Gene	Date Loaf	Oh! Nuts	Mint Green	Housewife
Eileen Funk	Eats	Chili	Nope	Royal Blue	Housewife
Lyle Gerber	Money	Hot dogs	Oh! You're Nuts	Blonde	Drive a Cadillac
Arlene Habegger	Traveling	Baked Alaska	For Lands Sakes	Ice Blue	Home Economist
Coleen Hirschy	Music	Chili	Oh, My Stars	Rose	Housewife
Luther Hedington	Girls	Beef Steak	Move it or Park	Red	50,000 Acre Ranch
Don Holloway	Girls	Banana Splits	Hi! Son	Yellow	Go with Girls
Hubert Isch	Money	Pineapple Pie and Milk	That's Beside the Point	Blonde	Have all the money
Earl Johnson	Girls	Cherry Pie	You Bet Your Booties	Red	Be a Well Adapted Person
Ernie Liechty	Girls	Cherry Flip	Nuts	Red	Own a Car
Roger Longenberger	Marilyn	Ham Sandwiches	I Don't Know	Navy	Farmer
Mary Michaels	Men!!	Strawberry Pie	Ohhhhhhh!	Charcoal Gray	Housewife
Virginia Mitchel	Eddie	Sweet Potatoes	Oh! Corn	Green	Housewife
Edward Nussbaum	Ginny	Doughnuts	Oh! Nuts	Yellow	Farmer
Willis Nussbaum	Girls	Crab Apples	Better Luck Next Time	Red	Own a Ranch
Walter Osterman	Girls	Swiss Steak	Move it or Park it	Blonde	Millionaire
Kay Ratcliff	Girls	Shrimp Cocktail	Heck with You	Red	State Trooper
Bill Rowden	Sports	Tapioca Pudding	Holy Cow	Blue	Business Manager
Marvin Taylor	Eating	Fried Ham	Gee Zum	Yellow	Farmer
Eugene Weber	Girls	Hamburger	Hey You Birds	Red	Farmer

Compliments of

MILLER'S GROCERY, Decatur

and GOODIN'S MARKET, Decatur

ACTIVITIES

PAT BARGER
President
EILEEN FUNK
Vice President
RUTH BUSSE
Secretary
JUANITA SAPP
Treasurer
MARY MICHAELS
News Reporter
MARILYN DURR
Program Chairman
PHYLLIS MATTAX
Assistant Chairman
MRS. REED
Sponsor

Rekamemoh Club

This is the third year for the Rekamemoh Club with Mrs. Reed as our sponsor. A hayride to Hanna Nutman Park and a weiner roast was shared with the FFA boys, and Elaine Freels and Gene Bluhm were crowned best dressed farmer and his wife. This year we entered a float in the Halloween Parade. We also went Christmas Caroling and ended up at Mrs. Reed's for a Christmas party. A skating party was enjoyed by the girls and their guests on January 2.

This year we. entertained the FHA girls from Decatur with a Valentine Party and the basketball boys with a supper. We also helped with style show. Some of our money making projects were selling cookies, bake sale, and selling napkins.

Top row: Elaine F., Virginia M., Mary M., Katherine H., Norma C., Shirley P., Mrs. Reed, Eileen F., Pat B., and Arlene H.

Second row: Geraldine T., Marilyn D., Pat B., Marinel S., Ruth W., Shirley R., Phyllis M., Juanita S., and Ruth B.

Third row: Sharon H., Pauline G., Mary H., Costa H., Kay C., Carol E., Marjorie B., Carolyn H., Marilyn R., and Kay W.

Fourth row: Kay H., Nancy S., Coleen H., Karen S., Florine H., Carol Y., Elaine S., Velma S., Elaine S., Sonja S., Marilyn A., and Patsy U.

Compliments of
DR. FIREOVED
Berne

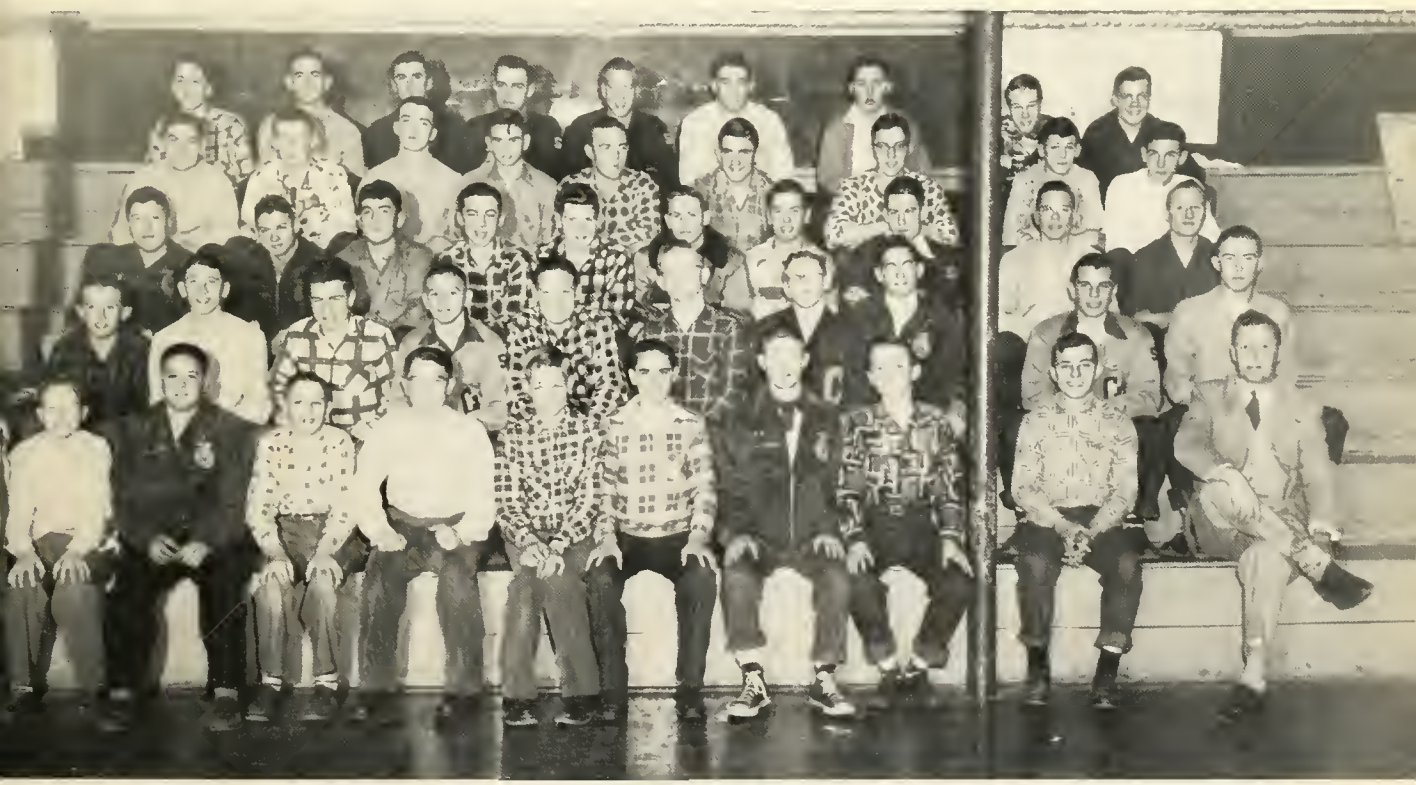
F.F.A.

FFA OFFICERS

Left to right:
DON DICK
Sentinel
BOB HEARE
Vice President
MR. WATSON
Advisor
HARRY MAZELIN

Secretary
ED NUSSBAUM
Treasurer
BOB STEURY
Reporter
WALTER OSTERMAN
President

This is the third year for the Adams Central Chapter of Future Farmers of America. This year the chapter has increased in enrollment and now has fifty-three members. The first thing the chapter did was to order various FFA equipment. The chapter sold subscriptions for the magazine "The Farm." The chapter was in charge of the Thanksgiving program where baskets of food were on display. After the meeting the food baskets were delivered by members of the FFA to various needy families. The Chapter has organized a basketball team which has been very successful. The chapter also plans to enter various district contests.



First row: Dick Landis, Amos Liechty, Palmer Inniger, Lee Sprunger, Carl Bluhm, Paul Gerber, Arlen Mitchel, Jim Fisher, Bill Kirschner, and Mr. Watson.

Second row: Roger Habegger, Jerry Sprunger, Hugh Davis, Jim Taylor, Gordon Snigleton, Fred Ehlerding, Earl Johnson, Richard Kaehr, Alan Miller, and Gene Bluhm.

Third row: Harry Mazelin, Bob Sturdy, Jerry Mitchel, Paul Germann, Nolan Griffiths, Bob Heare, Harold Arnold, Walter Osterman, Larry Lautzenheiser, and Roger Longenberger.

Fourth row: Don Dick, Kenny Ehrman, Jack Hendricks, Marvin Taylor, Luther Hedington, Willis Nussbaum, Leon Habegger, Wendell Beer, and Dee Myron Byerly.

Fifth row: David Ringger, Ed Nussbaum, Gene Hindenlang, Don Holloway, Kay Ratcliff, Eugene Weber, Danny Gerber, Ronnie Wagley, and Vernon Ratcliff.

Compliments of
MORRISON FARM MACHINERY
Decatur

Pep Club

Back row
Geraldine T.
Sharon H.
Kay H.
Mary H.
Nancy S.
Marjorie B.
Carolyn C.

Third row
Ruth Mae W.
Patsy U.
Connie S.
Kay Ann W.
Elaine S.
Ardola P.
Carol E.

Second row
Carol Y.
Juanita S.
Ruth B.
Norma C.
Phyllis M.
Patty B.

First row
Coleen H.
Arlene H.
Virginia M.
Elaine F.
Pat B.
Shirley R.

This year is the second year for the Pep Club and Mrs. Reed again sponsored it.

The girls wore either red or gray skirts, white blouses, and gray hats at all the home games and the tourneys.

The club with its forty members used motions with some of the yells. They gave the team their whole-hearted support whether they lost or won.

They have had many compliments on their yells and their appearance.

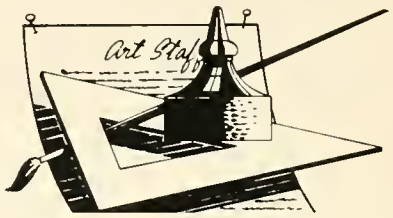
Not pictured are: Barbara H., Shirley P., Eileen F., Velma S., Marinel S., Karen S., Mary M., Marilyn D.

Compliments of

HAUGK'S, Decatur
and KENT REALTY, Decatur

Art Club

Front row: Mr. Reed, Ruth Busse, Shirley P., Nancy P., Dianne L. Back row: Mary R., Kenneth F., Alex G., Paul H., Valentime S., Richard L., David S.



One of the new clubs organized this year to enrich the extra curricular activities at Adams Central was the art club. Fundamental drawing of landscapes, construction, and still life were phases of art studied in the past year.

It is the hope of the members that the art club will continue next year, and that more of the student body will become interested in this worthwhile project.

Photography Club

The Photography Club was organized on December 3, 1952. The following officers were elected:

President	Don Holloway
Vice President	Edward Nussbaum
Secretary	Harry Mazelin
Treasurer	Marvin Taylor

Mr. Collier is our faculty sponsor. The purpose of our club is to learn how to take better pictures and later on how to develop film and print pictures. We have learned how a camera works and also how the film is made. The Photography Club has erected bulletin boards on which some of the pictures taken by the members have been mounted.

Members: Donald B., John B., Merlin H., Harry M., Don H., Eugene W., Raymond B., Roger H., Frederick E., David H., Wendell B., Kay R., Edward N., Marvin T., Mr. Collier and Mr. Erdel, Bob S.

Compliments of
KELLY DRY CLEANERS and SCHAFER'S
Decatur

Newspaper Staff

Extra! Extra! Born this year in a welter of mimeograph tools, distraught reporters, and nerve-twitching deadlines was Adams Central's first Newspaper, the *Greyhound Gazette.*

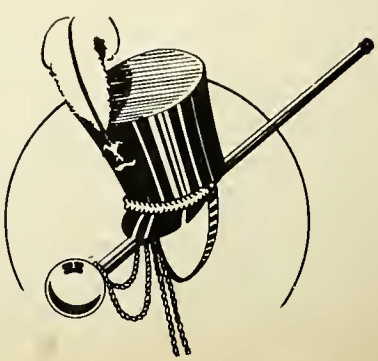
The infant journal has presented monthly news of the classes, sports, and other activities of the high school and grade schools in the Adams Central system. Feature columns—"Personality of the Month," "The Inquiring Reporter," and "Right Around School"—plus hardhitting editorials with illustrating cartoons have added sparkle and interest.

Published for the twin purposes of school publicity and developing student journalistic skills, the *Greyhound Gazette* seems to have won a niche for itself in the school program.

Staff members for the second semester are as follows: Sherman Arnold, editor-in-chief; Shirley Ploughe, managing editor; John Bluhm and Carl Bluhm, business manager and assistant; Allen Lehman, art editor; Jim Lobsiger, advertising manager; David Liby, humor editor; Fred Fox, news editor; Roddy Beer, sports editor; Florine Hirschy, Shirley Rupert and Raymond Becher, feature writers; Nolan Griffiths, Marinel Stricker, Ardola Parrish and David Schmidt, news reporters; Lester Egly, Leon Habegger and Bob Harmon, sports reporters; Faye Haines, Barbara Haugk and Carolyn Hirschy, typists; Mr. Erdel, high school sponsor; Mrs. Hendricks, grade school sponsor.

Our twirlers Elaine Freels, Coleen Hirschy, Marilyn Arnold, Nancy Shoaf and Geraldine Teeple have entertained the audience between games at our home games.

Compliments of
HANNIE'S GROCERY, Magley
and
TOCSIN LUMBER and GRAIN CO.



Girls Chorus

CHORUS

There are fifty-eight members in the Adams Central Mixed Chorus. There is a Girls' Chorus of thirty-two members and a Boys' Chorus of twenty-five members.

The Girls' Chorus furnished music for the Senior Play. The entire group gave a program for the Farmers Institute and various other programs throughout the year and took part in the county music festival.

Our Director

Compliments of

JAHN'S FUNERAL HOME, Bluffton
and BLUFFTON FLORIST

Boys Chorus

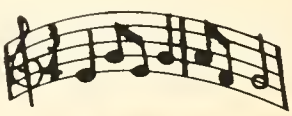
Mixed Chorus

Top row: Paul H., Richard K., Larry L., Don G., Sherman A., DeeMyron B., Al. E., Harold D., Danny G. Carol E., Kenneth F., Arlen M.

Second row: Palmer I., Ben E., Fred F., Gordon S., John R., Jerry S., Carl B., Allen M., Paul R., Howard M., Jim L., Allen L., Roddy B.

Third row: Lowell M., Dick L., Mary M., Catherine H., Diann L., Mary R., Shirley R., Marinel S., Connie S., Fourth row: Ardola P., Carolyn H., Geraldine T., Pauline G., Faye H., Louise S., Kaye Witte, Costa H., Kay C., Mary S., Marilyn D., Pat B.

Fifth row: Mr. Ray, Marilyn R., Karen S., Patsy U., Nancy S., Florine H., Kay H., Marjorie B., Sharon H., Mary H., Elaine S., Marilyn A., Sonja S.



BAND OFFICERS

LARRY SCHWARTZ ..... *President*
VIRGINIA MITCHEL ..... *Vice President*
DEE MYRON BYERLY ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
MR. RAY ..... *Director*

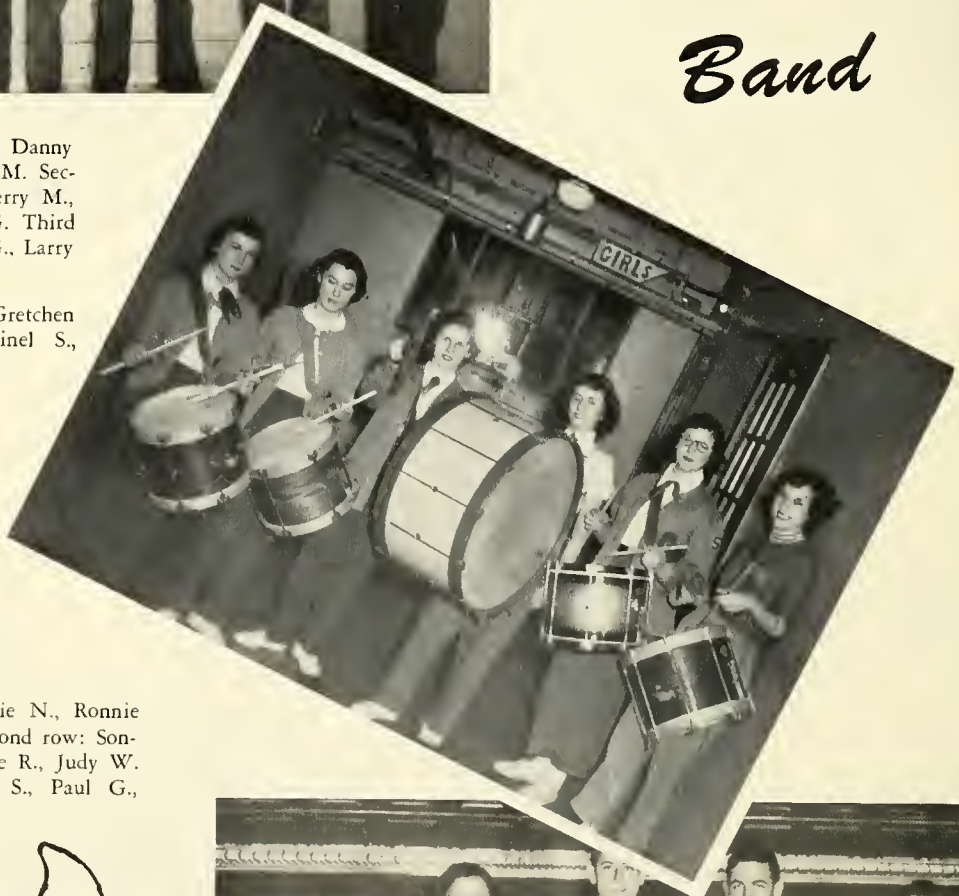
Compliments of

LELAND SMITH INS. AGENCY
and
ADAMS COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.

This year, under the direction of Bob Ray, the band played at six home games, and marched in formation of the school letters. They gave a concert, will be in the county musical festival, and they also had entries in the district music contest at Fort Wayne, and were fortunate for the brass choir to win a superior rating, which enabled them to compete in the state contest.

Band

First row: Lowell M., Albert E., Danny G., Larry S., Paul R., Virginia M. Second row: Carl B., Allen L., Jerry M., Gary M., Donnie B., Ronnie G. Third row: Arlen M., Alan M., Don G., Larry L., Jim L., Howard M.

DRUM SECTION—Betty S., Gretchen S., Carolyn C., Pat B., Marinel S., Costa H.

First row: Carolyn M., Marjorie N., Ronnie S., DeeMyron B., Cynthia L. Second row: Sonja S., Doris B., Cecelia L., Bette R., Judy W. Third row: Karen S., Flossie S., Paul G., Marilyn C., Linda S.

Compliments of
OLD FIRST NATIONAL BANK
and
WM. STEFFEN & SON
MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE, Bluffton

Senior Play

Now go to sleep

Look Mary, they've been jitterbugging

Compliments of

STUCKY FURNITURE CO.
Monroe

Stay off that bed!

I know I'm not wanted, I'll leave

Gee, you boys are really heroes!

Get in line!

Finders Creepers — SENIOR CLASS

Five hundred people watched *Finders Creepers,* presented by the Adams Central Senior Class at the Berne Auditorium, October 28 at 8 P.M.

The play was a mystery comedy by Donald Payton. Bill Rowden and Ernest Liechty, carrying the leads and portraying thirteen year old boys, did excellent work, according to Miss Beavers, the director. They were well supported by Arlene Habegger and Marilyn Durr, as well as Coleen Hirschy, who was delightful as a detective story fan. Fun and sprithmas was added by Walter Osterman and Pat Barger, who played the older generation. The stabilizers of the play were partialized by the middle aged Don Holloway and Virginia Mitchel, rustic humor was added by Freddy Ehlerding and Eileen Funk. Mystery and surprise were added by Mary Michaels, Lyle Gerber, Gene Bluhm and Elaine Freels. Earl Johnson had a minor part, but did it well.

Compliments of
BERNE ICE CREAM and BERNE ELECTRIC

33
43

LIFE CYCLE

55

Junior Class Play

Ralph Hartsook, likely young school teacher, is welcomed to the unruly Flat Creek District school by the prophecy he won't last a week. Turning two practical jokes aimed at him upon the mischievious students themselves, the young schoolmaster wins the respect of his pupils. The community remains doubtful of a schoolmaster who doesn't lick his scholars, however, especially when he lost a spelling contest to Hannah Thomson, Mrs. Means' bound girl. Urged on by Dr. Small, an early companion of Ralph's, local prejudice fastens the suspicion of robbery upon him. An unexpected testimony at Ralph's trial releases him and proves Dr. Small to be the thief, leaving him free to marry Hannah.

Twenty-five juniors presented *The Hoosier Schoolmaster,* adapted by Pauline Phelps from Egleston's classic, at the Berne Auditorium April 10. Members of the cast follow:

Ralph Hartsook ..... Lester Egly
Hannah Thomson ..... Juanita Sapp
Mrs. Means ..... Shirley Ploughe
Miranda Means ..... Caro Moser
Bud Means ..... Jack Hendricks
Squire Hawkins ..... Ronald Stuckey
Hank Banta ..... Bob Heare
Dr. Small ..... Gene Hindenlang
Martha Hawkins ..... Ruth Busse

Shocky ..... Sherman Arnold
Betsy Short ..... Phyllis Mattox
Jimmy Pearson ..... Harold Arnold
Hetty Andres ..... Pat Beitler
Ellen Schneider ..... Norma Conrad

Extras for spelling bee and courtroom—Bob Stuery, Junior Nussbaum, Donald Graber, Barbara Haugk, Carl Bluhm, Faye Haines, Leon Habegger, Carolyn Hirschy, Jean Weaver, Carol Yoder, Velma Strahm

Director—Mr. Paul Erdel

Compliments of
NAGEL'S QUALITY FLOWERS
and
SPRUNGER LEHMAN & CO., Berne

Student Council

The Student Council of Adams Central High School was formed and officers were chosen on September 18, 1952. This is the first attempt of student government of this kind made in this school. The purpose of the student council is to act as an intermediate between the student body and faculty.

Some of the activities of the student council were: To operate the store at the lunch hour. The profits were used to pay for the rental of films. These films were selected by the student council. Rules were set up by the student council in regard to Freshmen and also FFA initiation. The student council set up and carried out the "mock" election for the President and Vice President of the United States on November 4, 1952. The student council also made suggestions in regard to improvement of the curriculum and the physical plant.

We hope that this form of student government will become a tradition in Adams Central in years to come.

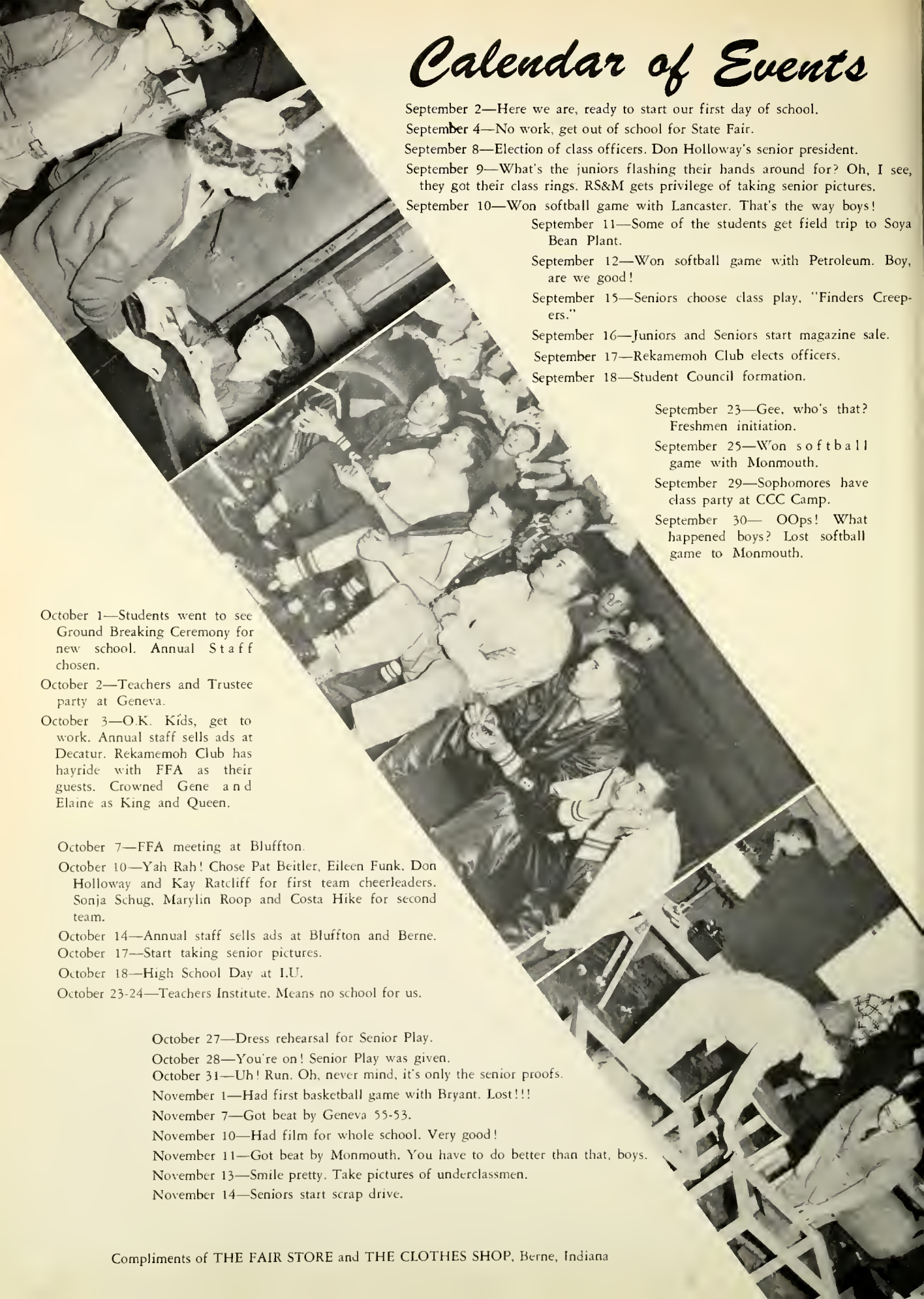
MR. REED ..... *Sponsor*
DON HOLLOWAY ..... *President*
MARYLIN ROOP ..... *Secretary*

Compliments of

FIRST STATE BANK
Decatur

Back row: Lester Egley, Jack Hendricks, Don Holloway, Kay Ratcliff.
Front row: Dee Myron Byerly, Marvlin Roop, Mr. Reed, Shirley Rupert.

Calendar of Events



September 2—Here we are, ready to start our first day of school.

September 4—No work, get out of school for State Fair.

September 8—Election of class officers. Don Holloway's senior president.

September 9—What's the juniors flashing their hands around for? Oh, I see, they got their class rings. RS&M gets privilege of taking senior pictures.

September 10—Won softball game with Lancaster. That's the way boys!

September 11—Some of the students get field trip to Soya Bean Plant.

September 12—Won softball game with Petroleum. Boy, are we good!

September 15—Seniors choose class play, "Finders Creepers."

September 16—Juniors and Seniors start magazine sale.

September 17—Rekamemoh Club elects officers.

September 18—Student Council formation.

September 23—Gee, who's that? Freshmen initiation.

September 25—Won softball game with Monmouth.

September 29—Sophomores have class party at CCC Camp.

September 30— OOps! What happened boys? Lost softball game to Monmouth.

October 1—Students went to see Ground Breaking Ceremony for new school. Annual Staff chosen.

October 2—Teachers and Trustee party at Geneva.

October 3—O.K. Kids, get to work. Annual staff sells ads at Decatur. Rekamemoh Club has hayride with FFA as their guests. Crowned Gene and Elaine as King and Queen.

October 7—FFA meeting at Bluffton.

October 10—Yah Rah! Chose Pat Beitler, Eileen Funk, Don Holloway and Kay Ratcliff for first team cheerleaders. Sonja Schug, Marylin Roop and Costa Hike for second team.

October 14—Annual staff sells ads at Bluffton and Berne.

October 17—Start taking senior pictures.

October 18—High School Day at I.U.

October 23-24—Teachers Institute. Means no school for us.

October 27—Dress rehearsal for Senior Play.

October 28—You're on! Senior Play was given.

October 31—Uh! Run. Oh, never mind, it's only the senior proofs.

November 1—Had first basketball game with Bryant. Lost!!!

November 7—Got beat by Geneva 55-53.

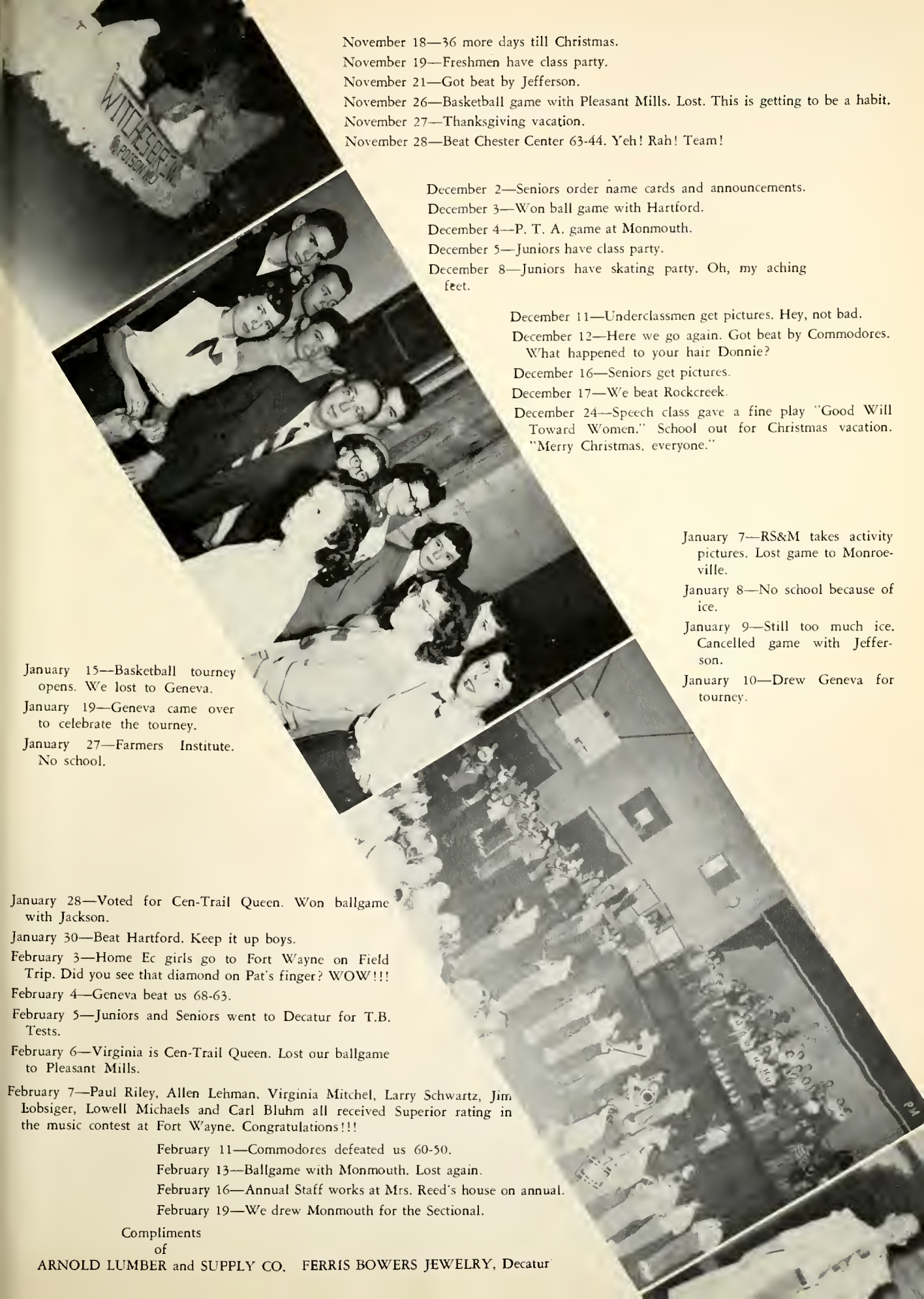
November 10—Had film for whole school. Very good!

November 11—Got beat by Monmouth. You have to do better than that, boys.

November 13—Smile pretty. Take pictures of underclassmen.

November 14—Seniors start scrap drive.

Compliments of THE FAIR STORE and THE CLOTHES SHOP, Berne, Indiana



November 18—36 more days till Christmas.
November 19—Freshmen have class party.
November 21—Got beat by Jefferson.
November 26—Basketball game with Pleasant Mills. Lost. This is getting to be a habit.
November 27—Thanksgiving vacation.
November 28—Beat Chester Center 63-44. Yeh! Rah! Team!

December 2—Seniors order name cards and announcements.
December 3—Won ball game with Hartford.
December 4—P. T. A. game at Monmouth.
December 5—Juniors have class party.
December 8—Juniors have skating party. Oh, my aching feet.

December 11—Underclassmen get pictures. Hey, not bad.
December 12—Here we go again. Got beat by Commodores. What happened to your hair Donnie?
December 16—Seniors get pictures.
December 17—We beat Rockcreek.
December 24—Speech class gave a fine play "Good Will Toward Women." School out for Christmas vacation. "Merry Christmas, everyone."

January 7—RS&M takes activity pictures. Lost game to Monroeville.
January 8—No school because of ice.
January 9—Still too much ice. Cancelled game with Jefferson.
January 10—Drew Geneva for tourney.

January 15—Basketball tourney opens. We lost to Geneva.
January 19—Geneva came over to celebrate the tourney.
January 27—Farmers Institute. No school.

January 28—Voted for Cen-Trail Queen. Won ballgame with Jackson.
January 30—Beat Hartford. Keep it up boys.
February 3—Home Ec girls go to Fort Wayne on Field Trip. Did you see that diamond on Pat's finger? WOW!!!
February 4—Geneva beat us 68-63.
February 5—Juniors and Seniors went to Decatur for T.B. Tests.
February 6—Virginia is Cen-Trail Queen. Lost our ballgame to Pleasant Mills.
February 7—Paul Riley, Allen Lehman, Virginia Mitchel, Larry Schwartz, Jim Lobsiger, Lowell Michaels and Carl Bluhm all received Superior rating in the music contest at Fort Wayne. Congratulations!!!

February 11—Commodores defeated us 60-50.
February 13—Ballgame with Monmouth. Lost again.
February 16—Annual Staff works at Mrs. Reed's house on annual.
February 19—We drew Monmouth for the Sectional.

Compliments
of
ARNOLD LUMBER and SUPPLY CO. FERRIS BOWERS JEWELRY, Decatur

February 20—Won ballgame with Jefferson.

February 21—We defeat Petroleum.

February 23—Basketball boys went to Decatur to practice for the Sectional.

February 24—Sectional starts. Monmouth beat us.

March 16—P.T.A. entertains basketball boys with a supper.

March 19—Rekamemoh entertains basketball boys with a banquet. After the dinner a movie was shown to the boys, Decatur F.F.A., and Rekamemoh members.

March 27—Donkey Basketball Game.

April 10—Junior Play was given. You did wonderful, kids!!

April 1-4—F.F.A. Contest at Purdue.

April 7—F.F.A. Father and Son Banquet.

April 20—Home Ec girls give style show at P.T.A.

April 25—District Poultry and Crop judging.

May 9—Seniors leave on trip. Everyone's all excited.

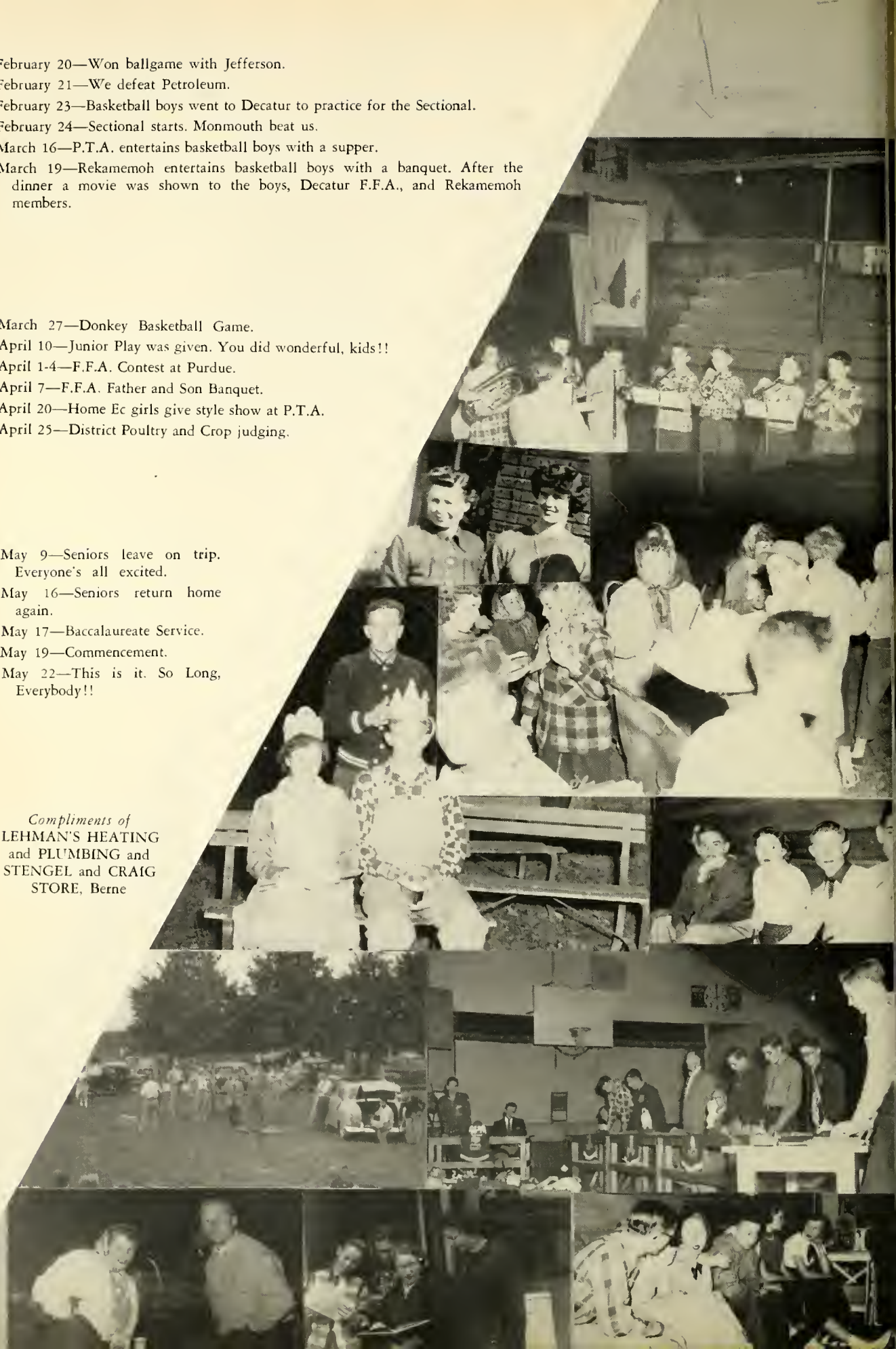
May 16—Seniors return home again.

May 17—Baccalaureate Service.

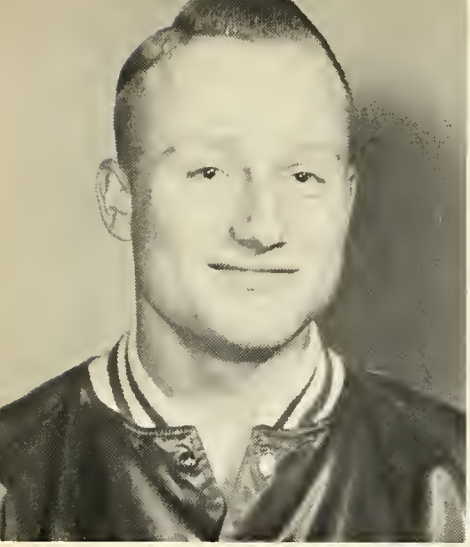
May 19—Commencement.

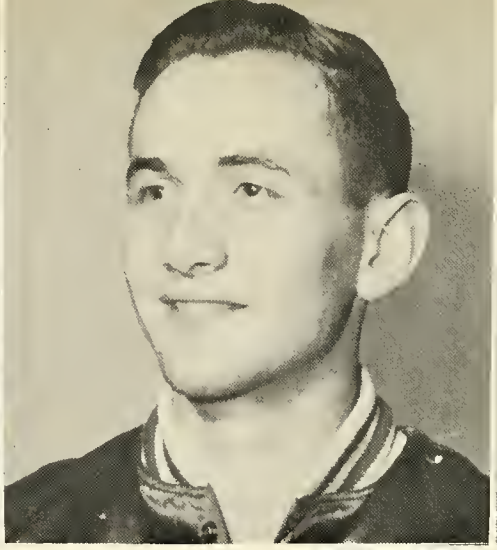
May 22—This is it. So Long, Everybody!!

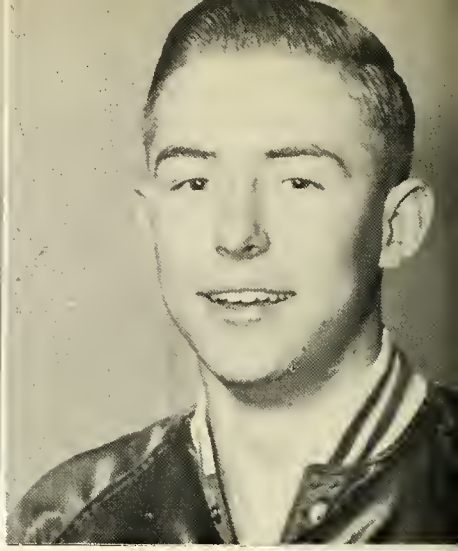
Compliments of
LEHMAN'S HEATING
and PLUMBING and
STENGEL and CRAIG
STORE, Berne



SPORTS







ROGER LONGENBERGER—3 year varsity, Senior Forward, "Co-Captain," Dependable for getting his share of points, feared for his deadly set shots and drives on the basket.

EDWARD NUSSBAUM—1 year varsity, Senior Forward; a good shifty hard working player; an effective offensive or defensive replacement.

GENE BLUHM—1 year varsity, Senior Center; a worthy substitute in the pivot position; aggressive in play and determined at shooting.

WALTER OSTERMAN—1 year varsity player, Senior Guard; very efficient in the art of guarding with the personality and attitude of a player you like to have around.

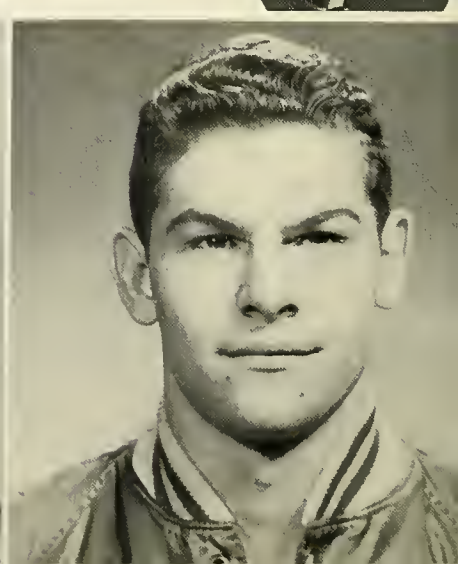
ROBERT HEARE—1 year varsity, Junior Guard; a vastly improved fireball on offense and defense; after being elevated from the reserve team he is developing into a very versatile player.

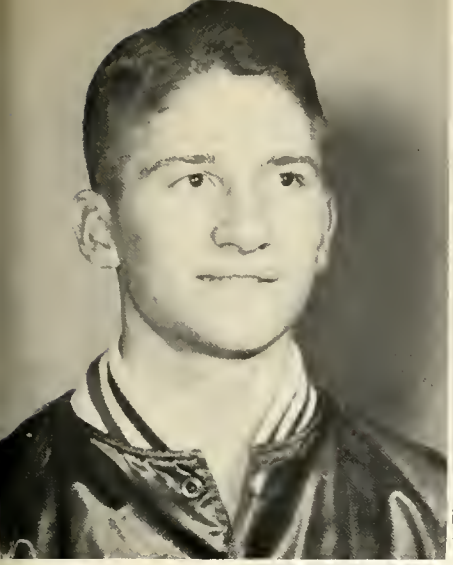
DON DICK—2 year varsity, Senior Forward; a steady improved player who has developed into a rugged rebounder and a good shooting artist.

Compliments of

KENNY RUNYON

Decatur





JUNIOR NUSSBAUM—1 year varsity, Junior Guard, "Co-Captain;" a good ball handler and quick thinking playmaker; has shown a fine display in leadership of team play.

RODDY BEER—1 year varsity, Sophomore Forward; has progressed rapidly and effectively in rebounding and follow up shooting; needs a shot of nerve serum occasionally.

HAROLD ARNOLD—1 year varsity, Junior Guard; shifty versatile dribbler, drives hard on the basket, shoots a very effective set shot.

BILL ROSS—Displayed some good talent playing on the reserve team. He was carried as a reserve on the varsity, but failed to see action. We expect to see him rise to the varsity for next year.

TOM HOFFMAN—He participated adequately in part of reserve games; has been hampered by illness and injury frequently this season. We expect to see him in varsity action next year.

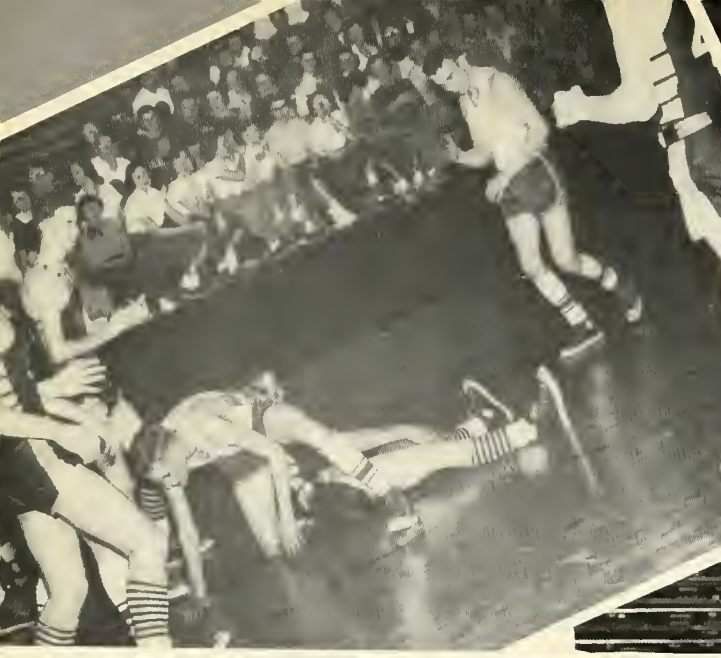
JACK HENDERICKS—1 year varsity, Junior Center, aggressive at rebounding; quite adept at the jump shot; very effective in protecting the defensive basket.

Compliments of

INTERNATIONAL

FARM EQUIPMENT

and SALES, Berne



Compliments of
JEFFERSON GARAGE
and
BERNE OIL COMPANY

Varsity Basketball

Left to right: J. Nussbaum, H. Arnold, B. Heare, G. Bluhm, R. Beer, T. Hoffman, Coach Stanley, D. Dick, J. Hendricks, E. Nussbaum, R. Longenberger, W. Osterman, B. Ross, Student Managers, H. Isch, J. Brodbeck.

The Greyhound varsity basketball team came through the season with a relatively smaller percent of wins than last year, winning seven and losing twelve.

The team began the season with themselves always on the short end of the game. But in the latter part of the season the Greyhounds began showing much improvement and the number of wins increased.

With Roger Longenberger being the only regular back this year, lack of experience proved to be one of our defeating factors. But next year with Jack Hendricks, Harold Arnold, Junior Nussbaum, Bob Heare, Roddy Beer, Bill Ross and Tom Hoffman our team should win lots of respect.

We think that our boys did a swell job this year under the direction of our coach, Max Stanley, who did his job very well as coach. Good luck from the Senior Class.

Compliments of
KAYE'S SHOE STORE and CAL E. PETERSON, Clothing, Decatur, Indiana

The Pep Club

Yeah, Rah, Team!

Compliments of
RIVERSIDE GARAGE
Decatur, and
KNAPP'S SERVICE
Decatur

One-Two-Three Hit

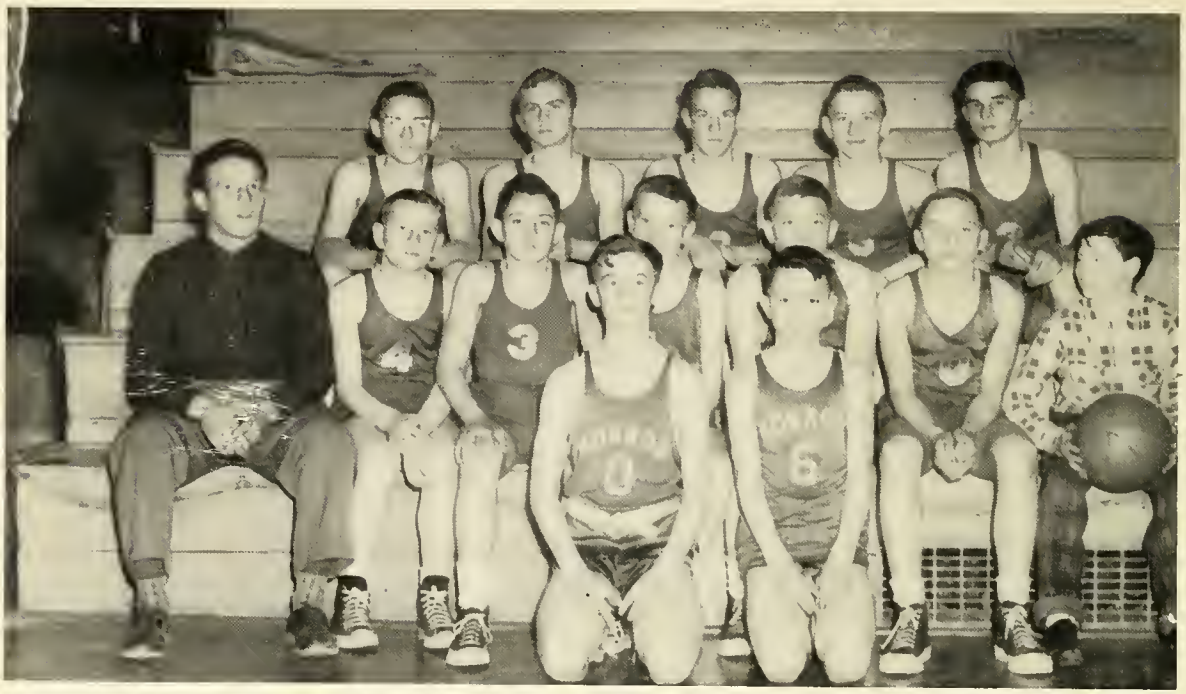
Go!
Fight!
Win!

Top row, left to right: John Bluhm, Allen Lehman, Larry Lautzenheiser, Coach Stanley, Kenneth Baumgartner, Jim Taylor. Bottom row: Jim Brodbeck, Jerry Sprunger, Albert Egly, Bill Ross, Tom Hoffman, David Liby, Dee Myron Byerly and John Rowdon.

The second team this year had a fair regular season record, winning 10 games and losing 8. They also were defeated in 2 tourney games. The regulars were Bill Ross, John Rowdon, Albert Egly, Dee Myron Byerly and Tom Hoffman. This year's squad carried five freshmen who should be valuable to the varsity team in future years.

Compliments
of
DECATUR HATCHERY, HOOSIER PETE, Decatur

Junior High



The junior high enjoyed a successful season winning 12 out of their 16 games played. The county junior high tourney remains to be played.

The team played in an invitational tourney at Berne on January 24. They defeated Hartford 29 to 14 in the afternoon but lost a hard fought championship game to Berne 26-23.

Games won by the junior high team: Monmouth 32-18; Jefferson 52-25; Popular Grove 48-19; Pleasant Mills 38-24; Berne 24-17; Pleasant Mills 57-22; Hartford 46-39; Monmouth 28-22; Geneva 45-23; St. Joe 34-21; Popular Grove 42-19 and Hartford 29-14 in the invitational tourney.

Games lost by the junior high team: Geneva 29-16; Hartford 32-30 (overtime); Berne 32-30 (overtime); and Berne 26-23 in the invitational tourney.

The season shooting percentage is .279 and the foul shooting percentage is .381.

Linda Schug and Mary Lou Ehrsam

Arleen Freels
Jacquie Snyder, Margaret Griffiths

Compliments of
SERV-US STORE, Berne, and GASS READY TO WEAR, Decatur

Is it a home run, Walt?

Slugg'er Eddie!!!

Got a piece of it, Sherman?

Foul ball, Leon?

Home run Bob!!!

Compliments of
BUTLER'S GARAGE
and
REINKING GARAGE
Decatur

Front row: Leon H., Edward N., Roddy B., Tom H., Gene B., Don H., Kay R., Jack H., Bill R., and Albert E.

Back row: Hubert I., Manager; Walter O., Harold A., Don D., Coach Max Stanley, Roger L., Sherman A., Robert H., Dee Myron B., Junior N., Jim B., Manager.

Softball Team

Our softball team retained their high percentage of wins this year; winning six of the eight games played. The team was awarded the county trophy. It will be kept permanently by the high school, due to the fact that the Adams County Softball League has been dissolved and we were the last school to have possession of the trophy upon dissolution of the League.

SOFTBALL RECORD for 1952-53 Season

Won 6		*Lost* 2	
Central	19	Lancaster	8
Central	18	Petroleum	3
Central	2	Hoagland	6
Central	19	Lancaster	12
Central	9	Monmouth	2
Central	20	Petroleum	5
Central	9	Monmouth	10
Central	13	Alumni	9

Compliments of
CENTRAL MARKET, Monroe
and
DALE'S SHOE REPAIR, Monroe

FAVORITES

Queen

VIRGINIA MITCHEL

Queen's Court

PAT BARGER

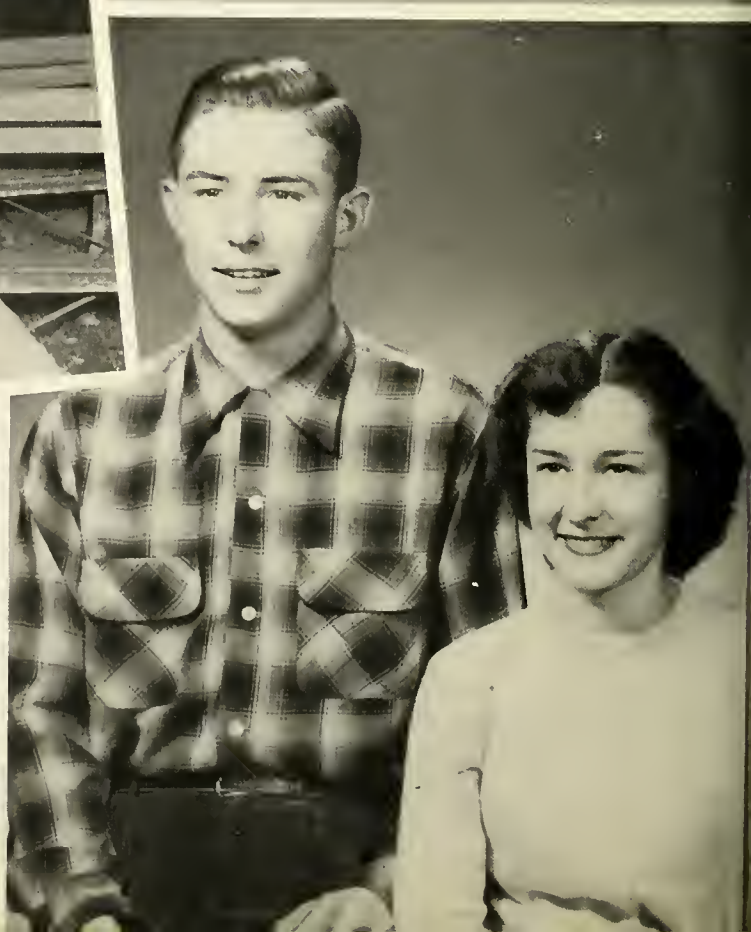
EILEEN FUNK

MARILYN DURR

ELAINE FREELS

Compliments of
ZURCHER ACCORDION SHOP and BERNE EQUITY MEAT MARKET, Berne

The election of the Cen-Trail queen and attendants is done by the student body first choosing five girls from the Junior and Senior classes and from this group of five, another election was held to determine which girl would reign as queen. February 6, the student body met in the gym for a special program, consisting of music and a movie, during the program Eddie Nussbaum representing the basketball boys crowned Virginia Mitchel as the Cen-Trail Queen of 1953. A Cen-Trail will be given to her as a gift. The attendants were: Pat Barger, Eileen Funk, Marilyn Durr and Elaine Freels.



On Oct. 3 the Rekamemoh Club entertained the F.F.A. with a hayride and wiener roast. During the evening the judges chose Gene Bluhm and Elaine Freels as farmer and wife.

The couple was judged on who looked the most like a farmer and his wife.

Compliments of
STEFFEN IMPLEMENT COMPANY
and TEEPLE TRUCK LINES, Decatur

Most Popular Boy and Girl

DON DICK

PAT BARGER

Most Likely To Succeed

DON HOLLOWAY and
ARLENE HABEGGER

Compliments of
L. ANSPAUGH STUDIOS

WEMHOFF MONUMENT
Decatur

Booster Page

HALTERMAN'S
CENTER ICE CREAM
DECATUR AUTO SUPPLY
DECATUR DRY CLEANERS
HABEGGER HARDWARE
DECATUR MUSIC HOUSE
MAZELIN'S HEATING SERVICE
TREON POULTRY MARKET
LEE HARDWARE CO.
HOLTHOUSE DRUG STORE
H. P. SCHMIDT PACKING CO.
STYLE SHOP
SUTTON'S JEWELRY STORE
STEFFEN MOTOR SALES
BURKE'S STANDARD SERVICE
R. E. ALLISON
SUDDUTH MEAT MARKET
COMMUNITY OIL AND SERVICE
HABEGGER FURNITURE
LIECHTY JEWELRY
RICH & LIECHTY BARBER SHOP
CLIFF NUSSBAUM BICYCLE SHOP
FERN'S DRESS SHOP
MENNONITE BOOK CONCERN
DIERKES IMPLEMENT SALES
SAM NUSSBAUM
BEN SPRUNGER SHOES
I. G. A. STORE
MADGES HOME LUNCH
KAEHR HINMAN MILKER SALES
LIECHTY BROS.
STUCKY DEPARTMENT STORE
CITY LUNCH

BAHNER'S BARBER SHOP
DUTCH MILL
SNUG CAFE
BERTSCH JEWELER
GEORGE GERBER
WORTHMAN'S LUNCH
LOCKER STORAGE
MONROE METHODIST CHURCH
DR. BIXLER
HUGH TATE
MR. and MRS. RUSSEL MITCHEL
MR. and MRS. RALPH FREELS
MR. and MRS. ROGER BLUHM
MR. and MRS. HAROLD SCHWARTZ
MR. and MRS. FLOYD REED
MR. and MRS. LESTER ADLER
MR. and MRS. DAN STRIKER
MR. and MRS. PAUL LOBSIGER
MR. and MRS. DANIEL C. LANTZ
MR. and MRS. RAYMOND CRIST
MR. and MRS. OTTO LONGENBERGER
MR. and MRS. JOHN REED
MR. and MRS. DOYLE COLLIER
MR. and MRS. KARL RAY
MR. and MRS. ROBERT RAY
MR. and MRS. RENE BRANDT
MR. and MRS. MELVIN LIECHTY
MR. and MRS. HAROLD BARGER
MR. and MRS. GENE HIKE
MR. and MRS. FLOYD ARNOLD
MR. and MRS. HOMER W. ARNOLD
MR. and MRS. JIM MICHAELS
MR. and MRS. AMOS HABEGGER

Catherine Hedgpeth
'56

Judy Roop
'56

Mary Jane Shaw
"Janie" '55

Kay Heare
'56

Deanne Luckey
'56

Kae Christener
'56

Mary Jane (Janie) Rice

Marjorie Becker
'56

Gene Hindenlang
'54

Pat Beitler
'54

Myron Byerly
'56

Phyllis Pattup

A LITHOGRAPHED
Taylor-made
YEARBOOK
DALLAS • TEXAS

Harvey Haggard - History

Jack Hendricks
"54" 6-6581

Bobby Allen Deane
Phone - Monroe
"66266"
"54"

Sherman Arnold
"54"

Telegraph Steps

Raymond Berberger
"54"

Harold Arnold
'54

Dick Longenberger

Leon Habegger
1954 ball
"Rusty"

Florence Eisenhauer
Candy
'55

Kay Ann Hittle
"55"

Eleanor Wing
Always
'55

Sonja Schug
"56"

Robert Jay Ray
music

Paul Erdel English

Jeanette Kent
"56"

Marilyn Arnold
"56"

Junior Neubaum
"1954"

Bob Fosnaugh
"56"

Paul Hurker
"56"

Donald Anderson
'54
Hagerstown
1954

Holan Griffiths
"54"

Velma Straka
"54"

Jim Weaver
"56"

Carol Yoder
"54"

David King
'54

TAYLOR-MADE
YEARBOOKS
DALLAS